WHEREAS, the entire Trinity College community has faced unprecedented challenges in responding to the disruptive and potentially dangerous effects of the COVID-19 pandemic that emerged in February 2020;

WHEREAS, the staff and administration of Trinity College took bold and courageous action to meet these challenges to protect the health and safety of the entire community; to plan for the resumption this fall of in-person learning and residential life; to care for students’ mental and physical well-being; and to carry out the critical operations of the college and advance its educational mission under new and changing conditions;

WHEREAS, by managing the wide-ranging and highly complex response to an emergency situation of unprecedented scope and duration, and by implementing new methods and approaches to recruiting and retaining students; supporting the academic endeavor and its modified modalities; continuing to engage alumni and families in support of the institution; and executing the myriad essential operations of a residential college, including dining, housing, housekeeping, technology, and safety and security; the staff and administration of Trinity College have exhibited qualities that exemplify the Bantam spirit: resilience, flexibility, collaboration, creativity, and unwavering dedication to the principles and ideals of the college; and

WHEREAS, the staff and administration of Trinity College have continued to serve with distinction, under extraordinary circumstances that for some requires personal sacrifice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the Trustees of Trinity College hereby recognize and applaud the outstanding service of the staff and administration of Trinity College during this most challenging of times.

2. That the Trustees of Trinity College hereby extend their profound gratitude, admiration, and respect to the staff and administration of Trinity College.

3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

4. That a copy of this resolution shall be placed in the books and records of the college.

Proposed and approved on October 16, 2020.